BEVERLY VETERANS COUNCIL MEETING February 24, 2022 @ 5pm

3rd Floor, City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Buddy Rehal at 5:00pm.

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Veterans Council Member present:

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Buddy Rehal, Vice President
Paul Weinberg
Paul Lantz
Cory Paulette
Chuck Clark
Ron Genest
Jan Pierce
Bob Laws
Susan Moran

Advisory members and guests:

None

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Chuck Clark would like a correction to the minutes to indicate under unfinished business that the names need to be added to the Odell Park memorial not the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Susan Moran will make the correction. Paul Weinberg made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded and carried.

Financial Report:

None

Unfinished Business:

Street Signs for Vietnam Veterans: The order for recognition of the four Vietnam Veterans was passed at the City Council meeting. The project has been approved but the money has not been allotted. Will there be a ceremony? We will cross that bridge when we come to it.

Flags on Cabot and Rantoul Streets: David Perinchief is going to discuss this with the mayor. There was no discussion.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial @ Ellis Square: Jerry Guilebbe would like a flood light to be added to illuminate the sign. A discussion was held as to if the light was needed and if other memorials were lit. It was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting when David Perinchief will be present.

Buddy Rehal suggested a list be put together of tasks that have not been finished at the memorial.

Memorial Day: The Army Band will not be able to participate this year.

Four Chaplain Sunday – The ceremony went well. The church was full and the colors were posted. Approximately 60-70 people were in attendance. A collation was held afterwards.

New Business

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Veterans Fair: A discussion was held about having a veteran fair over the summer. Jan Pierce suggested having the fair during the lobster fest at Lynch Park. It was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting when David Perinchief is present.

American Flag @ City Hall: The American flag and the POW flag should fly together and there should not be other flags on the same pole. Other flags/banners can be flown on other poles separate from the American flag and POW flag. Buddy will print off the flag code and send it to City Hall.

Vietnam Veterans Day – On Sunday, March 27th, wreaths will be placed at Beverly Hospital @ 10am and at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial @ Ellis Square @ 11am.

Good of the Order

The Beverly Veterans Council wishes a quick recovery and restoration of good health for our president, Jerry Guilebbe.

Buddy Rehal discussed that there is a lot of room for us, as a council, to do more for veterans (i.e. food, homelessness, suicide prevention). Can we put something together? Paul Weinberg commented that we are doing well as a council with one of our functions and that is to make sure that the face of the veteran is known in the community. We have done well, parades, commemorations etc. We need to make it known to the veterans someone that we are here and that we are here to assist them. A lot of younger veterans don't know we are here. Buddy Rehal suggested putting out a veteran brochure with the council contact info and info on who to contact if you need help with food etc.

Paul Weinberg suggested having the VA come and have a table at any of our events.

Adjournment

Bob Laws made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried.